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SUBJECT: CASEY DISCUSSIONS ON EAST-WEST ISSUES

1. FOLLOWING THE US-FRG OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS ON OCTOBER 5, UNDER SECRETARY CASEY BRIEFED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE FONOFF HERMES ON THE JUST-COMPLETED US-USSR DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW

2. AFTER LISTENING CAREFULLY TO THE PRESENTATION, HERMES COMMENTED THAT IN THE FRG, AS IN THE US, THERE IS GROWING CONCERN OVER SOVIET TREATMENT OF INTELLECTUALS AND JEWISH EMIGRANTS. HERMES AGREED WITH CASEY THAT THE USSR HAD MORE REAL INTEREST IN CREDIT THAN IN MFN; BUT HE DREW ON EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MFN TO THE USSR; THE SOVIETS HAD PRESSED THE EUROPEANS VERY HARD ON MFN.

3. HERMES REPORTED THAT JAPANESE PREMIER TANAKA HAD TOLD THE FRG IN THE CONCURRENT FRG-JAPANESE TALKS THAT THE JAPANESE WERE TRYING TO WORK OUT A JOINT JAPAN-US-
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USSR PIPELINE DEAL. TANAKA HAD SAID THE JAPANESE WERE

READY TO INCLUDE THE FTG, NOTING THAT A PIPELINE FROM TYUMEN WOULD RUN 7,000 KILOMETERS TO JAPAN AND ONLY 5,000 TO GERMANY. HERMES ASKED WHETHER A JOINT PROJECT WITH JAPAN HAD COME UP DURING THE US-USSR DISCUSSIONS; CASEY REPONDED THAT IT HAD NOT.

4. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY INQUIRED AS TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FRG-USSR 10-YEAR AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HERMES REPLIED THAT THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE LAY IN THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION AND SUBGROUPS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT DID NOT GIVE TRADE COMMITMENTS SINCE THE EC WOULD ASSUME CURRENT MEMBER STATE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA AFTER 1974. THE USSR HAD WANTED A CONTINUING BILATERAL ACCORD WITH THE FRG AND HENCE THE CURRENT "DECLAMATORY" AGREEMENT.

5. THIS MESSAGE WAS SENT AFTER UNDER SECRETARY CASEY'S DEPARTURE FROM BONN AND HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY HIM.
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